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Update on Strangles incident at Delaware Park

The Delaware State Veterinarian, Dr. H. Wesley Towers after conferring with DTRC Veterinarian, Dr. John T. Peters, authorizes any tested horse with two consecutive negative tests for *Streptococcus Equi* to be permitted to return to racing.

Of the original 35 horses that were quarantined at Delaware Park, 34 have been confirmed negative on the first round of tests. Furthermore of that 34, 19 of those equine have had a second consecutive negative test for *Streptococcus Equi*.

Dr. Peters also advised that he expects further testing results later today.

There have been no other occurrences of Strangles at Delaware Park according to John Wayne, Racing Administrator.

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